(c) 'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supplements their efforts through various measures, these include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police, sanctioning of lndia Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State Police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State Police, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Ministries.

33 battalions of Central paramilitary forces (inclusive of 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputation), are currently deployed for assisting the State Police in dealing with naxalite activities, of which 13 are deployed in Chhattisgarh and 5 in Jharkhand.

26 lndia Reserve battalions have been sanctioned to the concerned States, of which 4 have been sanctioned to Chhattisgarh and 3 to Jharkhand.

Crimes lodged by NCB in Rajasthan

†2098. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIK1: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the number of crimes lodged by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the last three years regarding narcotics and the action taken thereon;

whether Kota and Chittorgarh are pioneer in the whole country in view of production of opium, from where incidents regarding business and smuggling of opium and narcotics take place while narcotics Bureau is operated from Jodhpur;

whether Government proposes to establish its office in Kota or Chittorgarh to prevent smuggling of narcotics and to check such crimes; and

if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADH1KA SELVI): (a) Number of cases of drugs trafficking registered by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:

year	2005	2006	2007
No. of cases	—	10	4

Action against the accused persons is taken as per the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Along with Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan is one of the three States where licit opium is growth under the supervision of Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN). There are some inputs to suggest that in Kota and Chittorgarh of Rajasthan State some illegal trade of opium does take place.

and (d) Apart from the narcotics Control Bureau, there are various law enforcement agencies, *viz.,* State Police, Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Customs & Central Excise, State Excise, etc., which are also empowered under Narcotics Drugs and Psychtropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 for enforcement of its provisions and most of these agencies have their offices in Kota and Chittorgarh. Location of NCB Unit in Jodhpur is helpful in controlling transborder trafficking. Keeping in view these factors, there is no proposal to establish an office of Narcotics Control Bureau in Kota or Chittorgarh.

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